

GEORGE F. ARCHMBAULT CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

CAPT Robert Pittman, was nominated for his exceptional contributions to the Public Health Service pharmacy category, and for his leadership, dedication and service to the USPHS Commissioned Corps .

CAPT Pittman graduated from the University of Arizona in 1984 with his BS in pharmacy. From 1984-1987, he was assigned to Whiteriver Hospital in AZ serving both the inpatient and outpatient pharmacies. There, he developed and implemented a pharmacy nursing home medication evaluation and distribution system, participated in two pediatric medication studies for Johns Hopkins University, and became a certified Emergency Medical Technician.

From 1987-1991 he was assigned to Sells Indian Hospital as Deputy Chief Pharmacist, where he successfully coordinated the Pharmacy Service's "no contingency/no recommendation" review by JCAHO, developed the Sells Hospital's Drug Utilization Review Program, and refined and expanded the pharmacy student externship program with five colleges of pharmacy. In 1990, he became Acting Chief Pharmacist, served in this role for 17 months, and was responsible for all pharmacy services at the Sells Indian Hospital and the Santa Rosa Health Center.

1991, CAPT Pittman was selected as the Health Care Personnel Recruitment Specialist for Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) National Health Service Corps which works to provide health care services to medically underserved communities. From 1991-1994, he served as the pharmacist recruiter for all PHS agencies. Specifically in 1993-1994, he coordinated the PHS Associate Recruiter Program, providing materials and assistance to 600 recruiters. In 1997, during the time he served as Acting Deputy Chief for the NHSC Recruitment Branch, he also served as the co-project officer for the Recruitment and Retention \$5.5 Million Marketing Contract.

In November 1997, he was selected as Deputy Branch Chief of the Peer Review Branch in HRSA Bureau of Health Professions. This Bureau works to assure health professional workforce quality, supply, diversity and distribution. The Peer Review Branch was responsible for assuring a fair and equitable review of grant and cooperative agreement applications from training institutions and community based organizations. As Deputy Branch Chief, CAPT Pittman coordinated the development of a new Grants Electronic Management System Peer Review Module. During his time as Deputy Branch Chief, CAPT Pittman served as the BHP Commissioned Corps Coordinator, responsible for all Bureau related commissioned corps activities, including recruitment, promotion, assimilation, adverse actions and retirement. It was during this time that CAPT Pittman received his MPH from Johns Hopkins University.

In November 2000, CAPT Pittman was selected as the Principal Pharmacy Consultant for the Indian Health Service (IHS), where he served as the Director of the IHS Pharmacy Program. His mission is to provide leadership for the 600 IHS Tribal and Urban pharmacists especially on issues related to policies, personnel, recruitment and retention. To this end, he has served on numerous committees, worked on pharmaceutical procurement and formulary policies as a

member of the Federal Pharmacy Executive Steering Committee, and consulted with IHS, Tribal and Urban programs about pharmaceutical related issues. He has also been involved in many DHHS activities, including consultation on Global Fund pharmaceutical related issues to HHS and the State department.

CAPT Pittman has also influenced pharmacy throughout his role as the Pharmacy Professional Advisory Committee (PharmPAC) Chair from 1997-1998, and Vice Chair 1996-1997 and 1998-1999, along with serving or chairing several PAC committees over his career. He is also actively involved in minority activities within the PHS, serving as the Chairperson of the American Indian/Alaska Native Commissioned Officers Advisory Committee, and as the Chairperson of the Minority Officers Liaison Council.

He has served on numerous PHS, Surgeon General and Agency committees and board throughout his career and has earned over 20 PHS honor and unit awards for his service. CAPT Pittman's dedication to the pharmacy profession, exceptional administrative abilities and strong leadership skills, along with his continued support and assistance to the PharmPAC and the USPHS Commissioned Corps pharmacist category, more than qualifies him as the recipient of the 2005 George F. Archambault PHS Career Achievement Award in Pharmacy.

